



Purpose

At White Hills Primary School we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which caters for academic, physical, social and emotional needs, preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

Calendar of Events

Term 4 2020: Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December

Week 4

Friday 30 October

Pink Out of Uniform Day- Gold Coin

Week 5

Mon 2 – Thurs 5 Nov

Let's Get Moving Catch Up

Monday 2 November

Donut Day payment due 4.00pm

PFG Meeting 9.30am, place TBC

Week 6

Monday 9 November

PFG Donut Day

Wednesday 11 November

Pupil Free Day

Friday 13 November

Last Day Parent Opinion Survey

Week 7

Monday 16 November

2021 Prep Familiarisation Session

Wednesday 2 December

G4 Alternative Camp Activity Day

Friday 4 December

G2 Celebration Day

Last Day online book pack orders

Friday 18 December

Last Day Term 4

Reminders

PINK Out of Uniform Day is Tomorrow! Gold Coin Donation

This social service activity is replacing Term 3 'Out of Uniform' fundraiser.

Students and staff are encouraged to come dressed in pink in support of the McGrath Foundation and Kaylee and Laynee C who organised this fundraiser last year and was approved at school council. Please bring along a gold coin donation to come out of uniform and there will be prizes for the best dressed in each year level!

Let Us Know If You Are Moving

If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2021, please let us know now, as this information is crucial for planning.

Drink Bottles Required

With the drinking bubble taps switched off due to COVID restrictions, students are required to bring their own drink bottle to school. These can be filled at specific taps throughout the school.

As the weather warms up we are worried about students not drinking any water if they do not have a drink bottle at school.

Please ensure your child brings their own drink bottle to school every day.

Lost Property

We have an overflowing bundle of lost property in the office area. If your child has misplaced their uniform, it will more than likely be there! Please ask your child to check.

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Parent 2021 Student Placement Request:

Closes 4.00pm Friday 13th November

The process of allocating children to grades is very complex, with teachers and coordinators spending many days developing class groups based upon sound educational factors. Class teachers have already worked with children to nominate five (5) of their friends who they believe they would work well with. We endeavour to place students with at least one (1) of their nominated friends.

We consider the following factors when determining grades:

- Even distribution of academic ability within grades
- Separation of children who do not work well together
- Gender balance
- Interpersonal development
- Friendship groups
- Attitude & maturity
- Individual needs and behaviour.

Parents are invited to put in writing a placement request based upon educational and social factors only.

Naming of a preferred class teacher is NOT part of this process.

- Written requests are to be addressed to Andrew Schaeche, Principal, and forwarded by 4.00pm Friday 13th November.
- Verbal requests will NOT be considered.
- Late written requests will NOT be considered.
- Only this year's letters will be considered, so do not rely on previous letters (or conversations) with the Principal or Assistant Principal from past years.
- Parents should be aware that requests can place significant limitations on options for placement and there is no guarantee that a request can be met.
- You will be advised in writing of your child's allocated grade for 2021 on Friday, 11th December.

2021 Book Packs

2021 book pack information has been released. Log on to www.edplus.com.au (APOLOGIES- this was not included on your letter containing the code) and use the code from your letter that is unique to our school and your child's year level.

All book pack orders are made online and are with Central Victorian Office Supplies (CVOS).

Book packs will need to be completed online by 4th December 2020.

If you have any queries or need assistance please contact Sabina Riordan in the school office on 54430799 or via email at sabina.riordan@education.vic.gov.au

Donut Day to replace Hot Cross Bun Day

Elmore Bakery have agreed to price match the hot cross bun price from earlier in the year and provide three flavoured donuts for \$1.50 each. Forms to order or replace ordered hot cross buns were distributed on Monday 26th October and need to be completed and returned to school with payment by Monday 2nd November.

Donut Day is on Monday 9th November.

Thanks to Leah Wilson and Elmore Bakery for providing this service to the school.

News from the Turtle Pond!

Most students know of 'Cheeky Boy', the rambunctious turtle, who is the most energetic and curious of all six turtles. He has been busy this week, periodically inspecting some artwork.

The Turtle Enclosure wall (the shipping container) is currently having some colourful and fun artwork painted onto it. It is in the beginning stages with some of its first coat being applied.

Look-out for updates in coming weeks!



Centrepay an option to manage school costs in 2021

What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your payments and transferred electronically to an approved Centrepay organisation.

Why use Centrepay?

Centrepay is voluntary. Customers who choose to use Centrepay benefit from its convenience and security knowing that their bills are under control. Instead of having large bills every month or quarter, your bills are paid in manageable amounts from your payments, making it easier for you to budget.

How do I set up Centrepay?

The school office is happy to assist and support eligible families to set up Centrepay or you can follow the steps below.

Step 1: sign in and access the main menu. Sign into myGov and select your Centrelink online account to access the main menu and your homepage. ...

Step 2: add a new Centrepay deduction. ...

Step 3: choose a service provider. ...

Step 4: enter the details of your deduction. ...

Step 5: review and submit. ...

Step 6: sign out.

Centrelink online account help - deduction <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/online-help/centrelink/adding-new-centrepay-deduction-using-your-centrelink-online-account>

This might be a viable option to help families manage the school costs including camps as we know that the CSEF (Camps, Sports Excursion Funds) of \$125 generally covers the cost of Part B of the book pack (gymnastics, swimming, incursions and excursions) but not the camps. Trudy in the office along with our Chaplain Ricky Cawley as they have had experience in supporting families to set this up in previous years.

2020 Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted in all state schools. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be open until Friday 13th November. If you did not receive an invitation letter or do not have an email address but would like to complete the survey, hard copies of the invitation can be collected at the office.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting and via the school council.

Parents have been emailed the link to the survey along with the school pin.

Please speak to me if you would like more information.

So far approximately 12% (53) of parents have completed the survey. We are hoping to get at least 25%.

REPEAT MESSAGES

Term Planners

Parents can access the Grade Term Planners on the school's website at <https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum>
Term Planners outline the key focus areas in English, Maths and Integrated studies for the term.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that **Wednesday 11th November is a pupil free day.** Staff will be assisting with the decanting of classrooms and movement into the new rooms in Stage 1 of the building project.

Please let us know if there's anything we can do to support you here at WHPS.

*Andrew Schaeche,
Principal*

PFG News

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, 2nd November at 9.30am at the Coffee Club. *New members are always welcome, however whilst our meetings are offsite and limited at the moment, please look forward to following meetings to come and sit in then when restrictions have loosened, and see what PFG are about, and what we do around the school.*

Thankyou from all PFG members

Community News

The Zodiacs netball club are now open for expressions of interest for season 2021.

Age groups are Grade 6 through to 18 years and under.

Below is the link for you to express your interest in joining a club with a strong history of success on and off the court at Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association.

The Zodiacs' experienced coaches value dedication, effort and teamwork. You can learn for fun or to compete!

Please share among your friends.

Players who fill out the attached link will be contacted by the club requesting their attendance at our information day on Sunday 22nd November.

If you are interested in joining The Zodiacs Netball Club, please contact Director of Coaching, Liz Taylor 0466 710 559 to register your interest and/or like Zodiacs on Facebook and register that way.

To register go to ausfutsal.com/GolT4



FUTSAL SCHOOL
MONDAY'S 4:15 TO 5PM FOR AGES 6 TO 10

Non Contact Training - For more info contact Aidan at 0427 519 250
Fun games & activities - Introduction into Futsal
\$77 for 7 week program
Limited spots available due to restrictions

62 Hattam Street, Golden Square

